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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Examiner George:

In response to the Final Office Action dated 03/02/2006, Applicant submits the following remarks and amendments, currently due on a statutory period for response expiring on 06/02/2006. The current Response is being filed within the two-month period from the mailing of the Office Action, this period ending on 05/02/2006.

The Examiner has stated, on the Office Action Summary that claims 1-20 are pending, and claims 1-20 are rejected. This response is organized as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.